last century in the Palani Hills (e.g., Arasumani et al. 2018) may have enabled an upward extension of the elevational range of *P. xanthopygaeus* following the establishment of a preferred habitat. This hypothesis is consistent with a 2009 reassessment of the avifauna in the areas sampled by Sālim Ali, which found a general trend of an increase in species’ elevational ranges (Sashikumar et al. 2014).

In conclusion, based on our sightings, historical records, and citizen science records, we conclude that the elevational range of the Streak-throated Woodpecker definitely extends to 2100 m, and that the species may be found up to c. 2450 m in the southern Western Ghats.

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**Golden Eagle Aquila chrysaetos from Desert National Park, Rajasthan**

A Golden Eagle *Aquila chrysaetos*, generally found along the Himalayas (Naoroji 2006; Grimmett et al. 2011; Rasmussen & Anderton 2012; eBird 2018), was reported at the Sudasari enclosure (26.72°N, 70.60°E), Desert National Park, Rajasthan, on 05 December 2013. A forest guard and I saw it inside the enclosure, sitting near the inspection road at 1302 hrs. We observed it for over four minutes, when it started flying, and I took several photographs [229] for identification. The bird was almost entirely dark brown, with white bases to its outer secondaries, and its white inner primaries produced an oval white patch. It had a white tail with a broad, crisp, dark terminal band. This confirmed its identification as an immature Golden Eagle, and distinguished it from the White-tailed Eagle *Haliaeetus albicilla* that also winters sporadically in the Thar. This appears to be the first report of the species from Rajasthan and the Thar Desert, and adds to the amazing raptor diversity of the Desert National Park.

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**A leucistic Collared Kingfisher Todiramphus chloris in the Sundarbans, West Bengal**

While birding, along with Soumyajit Nandy and other tourists, on 20 September 2018, Ashok Mondal spotted a colour-aberrant kingfisher near Dobanki Camp (22.01°N, 88.76°E), Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal (Mukherjee 2018). Initially he was confused by it, but when he got a closer view, he thought it was a Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris* based on its size and the colour of its upper and lower mandibles, rather than the...